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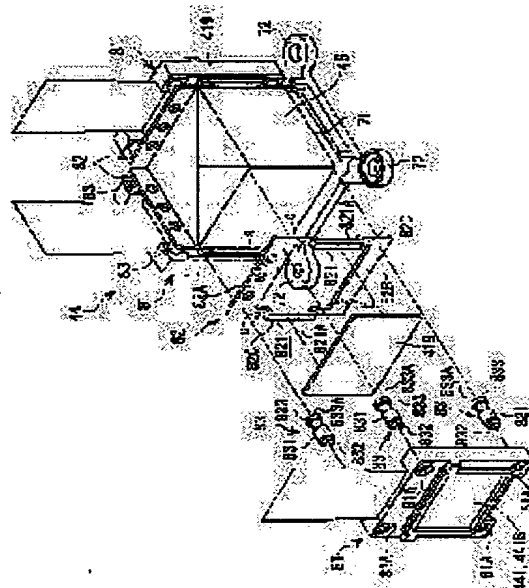
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(54) OPTICAL COMPONENTS AND PROJECTOR PROVIDED WITH THE SAME

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PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To provide optical components which can be fixed surely to an optical modulator side and a prism side and minimizing prism size to an optically absolutely minimum size and a projector.

SOLUTION: A frame body 82 is attached to a cross dichroic prism 45, and a holding frame 81 for holding a liquid crystal panel 441 is attached to the frame body 82 via a fixing pin 83. Since the need of directly fixing the fixing pin 83 to the cross dichroic prism 45 is eliminated, the cross dichroic prism 45 of the optically absolute minimum size can be used. Also, since the fixing pin 83 is fixed to the frame body 82 and the fixing area with the fixing pin of the frame body 82 is taken to be large, fure fixing strength for the fixing pin 83 and the frame body 82 is obtained, and the liquid crystal panel 441 can be fixed surely to the side of the cross dichroic prism 45.



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CLAIMS

[Claim(s)]

[Claim 1] The optic characterized by being the optic equipped with light modulation equipment, the maintenance frame holding this light modulation equipment, prism, and the lock-pin for fixing said maintenance frame to said prism, and having the frame attached in the field of said prism, and fixing the end side of said lock-pin to said maintenance frame, and fixing the other end side to said frame.

[Claim 2] The periphery configuration of said frame is an optic characterized by being formed more greatly than the field of said prism in which the frame concerned is attached in an optic according to claim 1.

[Claim 3] It is the optic characterized by forming said maintenance frame with synthetic resin, forming said prism with optical glass in an optic according to claim 1 or 2, and forming said frame with the metal.

[Claim 4] The optic characterized by preparing the film mounting section for attaching an optical film in said frame in an optic according to claim 1 to 3.

[Claim 5] The optic characterized by forming the opening in an optic according to claim 4 between the clamp face of said film mounting section in which said optical film is attached, and the field of said prism in which said frame is attached.

[Claim 6] Said lock-pin is an optic characterized by to be the optic equipped with light modulation equipment, the maintenance frame holding this light modulation equipment, prism, and the lock-pin for fixing said maintenance frame to said prism, to fix an end side to said maintenance frame, to carry out adhesion immobilization of the other end side at said prism side, and to form more greatly than the cross section by the side of said end the cross section by the side of the other end of said lock-pin.

[Claim 7] The projector which is a projector which is equipped with the light modulation equipment which modulates two or more colored light according to image information, and the prism which compounds the light modulated with this light modulation equipment, carries out amplification projection of the light compounded by the prism concerned, and forms a projection image, and is characterized by having the optic according to claim 1 to 6.

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[Field of the Invention] This invention relates to the projector equipped with an optic and this, and relates to an optic and a projector equipped with the lock-pin for fixing an electro-optic device, the maintenance frame holding this electro-optic device, prism, and a maintenance frame and prism in detail.

[0002]

[Description of the Prior Art] The environment which uses a projector is spreading and it is used by an in-house board, the presentation in a business trip place, etc. in recent years, and also by incorporating the data of CAD/CAM/CAE and carrying out amplification projection, it is used for the technical examination meeting in the research and development division etc., or the lesson of various seminars, study session, and the school that performs audiovisual education further is used. Moreover, medical images and data, such as CAT and MRI, are projected, and it uses for examination of a cure, medical instruction, etc., or is used also for directing effectively the event for which a show and large number of people gather.

[0003] Thus, in current [for which a projector is used in a certain **** environment], the specification and function for which a projector is asked are also various, and has the high brightness model which pursued the lightweight compact model which pursued portability, and image quality and a high resolution model, the highly efficient model which enabled connection with each digital instrument or a mobile tool. And development of the projector of reliance high added value is briskly performed from the further amplification of the environment used being expected supposing a new operating environment.

[0004] By the way, as a projector which was mentioned above, the projector equipped with the electro-optic device which modulates two or more colored light according to image information, the cross dichroic prism which compounds the light modulated with the electro-optic device concerned, and the projection lens which carries out amplification projection of the light compounded with this cross dichroic prism is known conventionally.

[0005] In such a projector, while corresponding to a miniaturization, in order to attain simplification of structure, the structure which fixes to the side face of a cross dichroic prism three light modulation equipments (for example, liquid crystal panel) which constitute an electro-optic device through a holddown member is adopted. As such structure, there are some which are proposed by Japanese Patent Application No. No. (that for which these people applied) 25345 [11 to], and a hole is prepared in the four corners of the maintenance frame holding light modulation equipment, respectively, a lock-pin is inserted in this hole and it fixes to it, and this is carrying out adhesion immobilization of the head of a pin soon on the side face of a cross dichroic prism, and is fixing light modulation equipment to a cross dichroic prism.

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[Means for Solving the Problem] The optic of this invention is equipped with the following configurations in order to attain the above-mentioned object. Invention according to claim 1 is the optic equipped with light modulation equipment, the maintenance frame holding this light modulation equipment, prism, and the lock-pin for fixing said maintenance frame to said prism, and is characterized by having the frame attached in the field of said prism, and fixing the end side of said lock-pin to said maintenance frame, and fixing the other end side to said frame.

[0009] Since according to this invention a frame is attached in prism and the maintenance frame which holds light modulation equipment to this frame is attached through the lock-pin, it is not necessary to fix a lock-pin to direct prism and to secure the area for fixing a lock-pin to the prism itself. Thereby, the prism itself becomes small that prism should just have necessary minimum magnitude optically. Moreover, since a lock-pin is fixed to a frame, if large magnitude, width of face, etc. of a frame are taken, a large area for fixing a lock-pin can be taken not related in the magnitude of prism. For this reason, the fixed reinforcement of a lock-pin and a frame is fully obtained, and light modulation equipment is certainly fixed to a prism side.

[0010] Invention according to claim 2 is characterized by forming the periphery configuration of said frame more greatly than the field of said prism in which the frame concerned is attached in an optic according to claim 1. According to this invention, since the periphery configuration of a frame is formed more greatly than the field of prism, a large area for fixing a lock-pin regardless of the magnitude of prism can be taken, without hardly covering the field of prism with a frame. Thereby, a lock-pin, i.e., light modulation equipment, is certainly fixed to a prism side.

[0011] It is characterized by forming said maintenance frame for invention according to claim 3 with synthetic resin in an optic according to claim 1 or 2, forming said prism with optical glass, and forming said frame with the metal. Since the maintenance frame made of synthetic resin generally used, for example to optical instruments, such as a projector, and the prism made from optical glass are used according to this invention, it can constitute economically. Moreover, since a frame is metal, if a sheet metal etc. is used, it will be easy to form a frame in a desired configuration. Furthermore, when an optic is used for a projector, a maintenance frame, prism, etc. may expand with the heat generated from the light source etc. Usually, a maintenance frame is a product made from plastics in many cases, and its coefficient of thermal expansion is higher than the prism made from optical glass. For this reason, in the conventional optic, at the time of the activity of a projector, a maintenance frame expands thermally more greatly than prism, and there is a possibility that a gap may arise in the relative position of a maintenance frame and prism, i.e., the relative position of light modulation equipment and prism. Since coefficient of thermal expansion has connected the maintenance frame made of synthetic resin, and the prism made from optical glass in this invention through the metal frame which it is between synthetic resin and glass, even if heat arises, for example at the time of a projector activity, it is cushion ON ***** to the difference of the thermal expansion of prism and a maintenance frame with a frame. Thereby, a gap of the relative position by the differential thermal expansion of a maintenance frame and prism is controlled.

[0012] Invention according to claim 4 is characterized by preparing the film mounting section for attaching an optical film in said frame in an optic according to claim 1 to 3. According to this invention, since the film mounting section is prepared in the frame, the installation to the frame of an optical film becomes easy. Here, as an optical film, a phase contrast plate, a polarizing plate, a wide-field-of-view angle film, etc. are mentioned, for example.

[0013] Invention according to claim 5 is characterized by forming the opening between the clamp face of said film mounting section in which said optical film is attached, and the field of said prism in which said frame is attached in an optic according to claim 4. According to this invention, since the opening is formed, between the clamp face of the film mounting section of a frame, and the field of prism, an optical film is opened from prism, predetermined spacing can be installed, and the permeability between an optical film and prism can be kept good in it.

[0014] The maintenance frame with which invention according to claim 6 holds light modulation equipment and this light modulation equipment, It is the optic equipped with prism and the lock-pin for fixing said maintenance frame to said prism. Said lock-pin An end side is fixed to said maintenance frame, adhesion immobilization of the other end side is carried out at said prism side, and the cross section by the side of the other end of said lock-pin is characterized by being formed more greatly than the cross section by the side of said end.

[0015] According to this invention, the cross section by the side of the other end of the lock-pin by which adhesion immobilization is carried out is greatly formed in the prism side. That is, since the end face by the side of the other end of the lock-pin used as an adhesion side is formed greatly, the bond strength by the side of a lock-pin and prism is more fully secured. Here, direct adhesion immobilization may be carried out at prism, adhesion immobilization may be carried out at the frame concerning invention according to claim 1 to 5 which was mentioned above, and, in short,

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[0017] Invention according to claim 8 is characterized by having the power source energized to said light modulation equipment in a projector according to claim 7. Since the power source energized to light modulation equipment is prepared in the projector according to this invention, the electrical and electric equipment can be easily supplied to light modulation equipment.

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[0026] As shown in drawing 5, the optical unit 4 is a unit which processes optically the flux of light by which outgoing radiation was carried out from the light source lamp 411, and forms the optical image corresponding to image information, and is equipped with the integrator illumination-light study system 41, the color separation optical system 42, the relay optical system 43, the electro-optic device 44, the cross dichroic prism 45 made from the optical glass as color composition optical system, and the projection lens 46 as projection optical system.

[0027] [Detailed configuration of 2. optical system] In drawing 5, the integrator illumination-light study system 41 is the optical system for illuminating mostly the image formation field of the liquid crystal panel 441 (it is indicated as liquid crystal panels 441R, 441G, and 441B for every colored light) as light modulation equipment of three sheets which constitutes an electro-optic device 44 to homogeneity, and is equipped with light equipment 413, UV filter 418, the 1st lens array 414, the polarization sensing element 415, and the 2nd lens array 416.

[0028] The light equipment 413 which constitutes the integrator illumination-light study system 41 has the reflector 412 which reflects the synchrotron orbital radiation by which outgoing radiation was carried out from the light source lamp 411 and this light source lamp 411 as the radiation light source which carries out outgoing radiation of the beam of light of a radial. As a light source lamp 411, a halogen lamp, a metal halide lamp, or a high-pressure mercury lamp is used in many cases.

[0029] The 1st lens array 414 has the configuration with which small lens 414A which has a rectangle-like profile mostly was arranged in the shape of a matrix. Each smallness lens 414A is dividing into two or more partial flux of lights the flux of light which outgoing radiation is carried out from the light source lamp 411, and passes along UV filter 418. The profile configuration of each smallness lens 414A is set up so that an analog may be mostly made with the configuration of the image formation field of a liquid crystal panel 441. For example, if the aspect ratio (ratio of the dimension of width and length) of the image formation field of a liquid crystal panel 441 is 4:3, the aspect ratio of each smallness lens 414A will also be set as 4:3. The 2nd lens array 416 has the almost same configuration as the 1st lens array 414, and has the configuration with which small lens 416A was arranged in the shape of a matrix. This 2nd lens array 416 is condensing the light from the 1st lens array 414.

[0030] While the polarization sensing element 415 is arranged between the 1st lens array 414 and the 2nd lens array 416, the light from the 1st lens array 414 is changed into one kind of polarization light, and, thereby, the utilization effectiveness of the light in an electro-optic device 44 is raised. Concretely, each partial flux of light changed into one kind of polarization light condenses to a condenser lens 417, and is eventually superimposed mostly by the polarization sensing element 415 on the liquid crystal panels 441R and 441G of an electro-optic device 44, and 441B. since only one kind of polarization light of two kinds of polarization light (an S wave and P wave) which constitutes light from a projector 1 (electro-optic device 44) of this operation gestalt using the liquid crystal panel 441 of the type which modulates polarization light can be used -- the light from the light source lamp 411 -- one half is not used mostly. Then, by using the polarization sensing element 415, all the outgoing radiation light from the light source lamp 411 is changed into one kind of polarization light, and the utilization effectiveness of the light in an electro-optic device 44 is raised. In addition, such a polarization sensing element 415 is introduced to JP,8-304739,A.

[0031] The color separation optical system 42 is equipped with two dichroic mirrors 421,422 and the reflective mirrors 423, and has the function to divide into the colored light of three colors of red, green, and blue two or more partial flux of lights injected by dichroic mirrors 421 and 422 from the integrator illumination-light study system 41.

[0032] The relay optical system 43 is equipped with the incidence side lens 431, a relay lens 433, and the reflective mirrors 432 and 434, and has the function to draw the colored light separated by the color separation optical system 42, and blue glow to liquid crystal panel 441B.

[0033] An electro-optic device 44 is equipped with the liquid crystal panels 441R, 441G, and 441B of three sheets, and, as for these, the viewing-angle compensation film 419 as an optical film is arranged at the optical outgoing radiation side side of each liquid crystal panels 441R, 441G, and 441B, using poly-Si TFT as a switching element. With the liquid crystal panels 441R, 441G, and 441B of these three sheets, according to image information, it becomes irregular, and each colored light separated by the color separation optical system 42 forms an optical image.

[0034] The cross dichroic prism 45 compounds the image which was injected from the liquid crystal panels 441R, 441G, and 441B of three sheets and which was modulated for every colored light, and forms a color picture. Here, let the cross dichroic prism 45 be necessary minimum magnitude optically. The dielectric multilayer which reflects red light, and the dielectric multilayer which reflects blue glow are formed in the cross dichroic prism 45 in the shape of an abbreviation X character in accordance with the interface of four rectangular prisms, and three colored light is compounded by these dielectric multilayers. And the color picture compounded with the cross dichroic prism 45 is injected from the projection lens 46, and amplification projection is carried out on a screen. In addition, the optic of this invention is constituted including the electro-optic device 44 and the cross dichroic prism 45.

[0026] As shown in drawing 5, the optical unit 4 is a unit which processes optically the flux of light by which outgoing radiation was carried out from the light source lamp 411, and forms the optical image corresponding to image information, and is equipped with the integrator illumination-light study system 41, the color separation optical system 42, the relay optical system 43, the electro-optic device 44, the cross dichroic prism 45 made from the optical glass as color composition optical system, and the projection lens 46 as projection optical system.

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[0035] Each optical system 41-45 explained above is held in the light guide 47 made of synthetic resin, as shown in drawing 6 . namely, -- this light guide 47 -- light equipment 413 -- the above-mentioned besides the wrap light source protection section 471 -- each -- the slot which inserts optic 414-418,421-423,431-434 in a slide type from the upper part is prepared, respectively. Here, unitization of the polarization sensing element 415 and the 2nd lens array 416 is carried out to one, and they are inserted in the slot. And the covering 48 shown in drawing 3 is attached in the light guide 47. In addition, the installation to the light guide 47 of the electro-optic device 44 which is the optic of this invention, and the cross dichroic prism 45 is mentioned later.

[0036] Moreover, the cross dichroic prism 45 with which liquid crystal panels 441R, 441G, and 441B were attached in one is fixed to the end side of optical outgoing radiation side 49 of a light guide 47, and the projection lens 46 is fixed on the flange in alignment with a part for the semicircle tubed part by the side of the other end.

[0037] [3. cooling structure] In drawing 1 thru/or drawing 3 in a projector 1 The 1st cooling system A with which the cooling air attracted from inlet-port 2A of the projection lens 46 side and sheathing case 2 base is exhausted from exhaust-port 2D The 3rd cooling system C with which the cooling air attracted from inlet-port 2C prepared in the base of the 2nd cooling system B and the sheathing case 2 where the cooling air attracted from inlet-port 2B prepared in the side face of the sheathing case 2 is exhausted from exhaust-port 2E is exhausted from exhaust-port 2E is formed.

[0038] In the 1st cooling system A, the axial flow inhalation-of-air fan 51 (an alternate long and short dash line illustrates in drawing 3) is formed in the projection lens 46 side of a main power supply 31, and the 1st sirocco fan 52 is formed in the light equipment 413 side of ballast 32. Cooling a main power supply 31 and ballast 32, it flows and the cooling air attracted from the projection lens 46 side and inlet-port 2A by the axial flow inhalation-of-air fan 51 is attracted at a sirocco fan 52 side. The cooling air breathed out from the 1st sirocco fan 52 enters in the light source protection section 471 from notch 471 for inhalation of air A prepared in the light guide 47, cools light equipment 413 from back, is exhausted from notch 471 for exhaust air B (drawing 6), and is eventually exhausted out of the sheathing case 2 from exhaust-port 2D.

[0039] In the 2nd cooling system B, as shown in the sectional view of drawing 7 and drawing 8 , the 2nd sirocco fan 53 is formed in the projection lens 46 bottom. This 2nd sirocco fan 53 is arranged in the middle of the duct member 60 (drawing 6) which draws cooling air from inlet-port 2B to the lower part of an electro-optic device 44. After the inhalation of air attracted from inlet-port 2B is led to the duct member 60, is inhaled by the 2nd sirocco fan 53 and breathed out along the base of the sheathing case 2, it cools an electro-optic device 44. Cooling air is exhausted from exhaust-port 2E with this ventilating fan 54 next toward the axial flow ventilating fan 54 by the side of a tooth back, cooling the driver board which has been arranged in the upper part of the optical unit 4 and which is not illustrated.

[0040] In the 3rd cooling system C, as an alternate long and short dash line shows in drawing 6 , the 3rd sirocco fan 55 is formed in the location corresponding to inlet-port 2C of sheathing case 2 base in the underside of a light guide 47. The dust and dust which whose inlet-port 2C is making each hole into a minor diameter as much as possible, and are on the installation part of a projector 1 are made hard to absorb. The cooling air inhaled by the 3rd sirocco fan 55 from inlet-port 2C After being breathed out at the light equipment 413 side through the duct-like part formed between the base of the sheathing case 2, and the underside of a light guide 47, It is led to opening for inhalation of air (not shown) prepared corresponding to the location where the integrator illumination-light study system 41 of a light guide 47 has been arranged. UV filter 418 besides the unit which consists of the 1st lens array 414 which constitutes the integrator illumination-light study system 41, and which was mentioned above, and the polarization sensing element 415 and the 2nd lens array 416 is cooled toward the upper part from a lower part. Cooling air is exhausted from the openings 48A and 48B (drawing 3) for exhaust air of covering 48, and is eventually exhausted from exhaust-port 2E next with the axial flow ventilating fan 54 by the side of a tooth back.

[0041] [Structure of 4. optic] In the optic which consists of an electro-optic device 44 and a cross dichroic prism 45, as shown in drawing 6 and drawing 9 , an electro-optic device 44 is supported by the cross dichroic prism 45, and this cross dichroic prism 45 is attached in optical outgoing radiation side 49 (drawing 7) of a light guide 47 through the supporter material 70 which supports the cross dichroic prism 45 concerned. The supporter material 70 is equipped with the installation section 71 in which the cross dichroic prism 45 is laid, and four advice fixed parts 72 for guiding and fixing this installation section 71 to optical outgoing radiation side 49 of a light guide 47. From the installation section 71, the advice fixed part 72 projects to the side, and is prepared in it, and the cross dichroic prism 45 is attached in optical outgoing radiation side 49 of a light guide 47 by being fixed with the screw thread which this advice fixed part 72 and optical outgoing radiation side 49 of a light guide 47 do not illustrate.

[0042] As shown in drawing 9 and drawing 10 , the liquid crystal panels 441R, 441G, and 441B of three sheets which constitute an electro-optic device 44 are held by the maintenance frame 81 made of synthetic resin, and opposite arrangement is carried out with three side faces used as the optical plane of incidence of the cross dichroic prism 45. On

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[0036] Moreover, the cross dichroic prism 45 with which liquid crystal panels 441R, 441G, and 441B were attached in one is fixed to the end side of optical outgoing radiation side 49 of a light guide 47, and the projection lens 46 is fixed on the flange in alignment with a part for the semicircle tubed part by the side of the other end.

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[0040] In the 3rd cooling system C, as an alternate long and short dash line shows in drawing 6 , the 3rd sirocco fan 55 is formed in the location corresponding to inlet-port 2C of sheathing case 2 base in the underside of a light guide 47. The dust and dust which whose inlet-port 2C is making each hole into a minor diameter as much as possible, and are on the installation part of a projector 1 are made hard to absorb. The cooling air inhaled by the 3rd sirocco fan 55 from inlet-port 2C After being breathed out at the light equipment 413 side through the duct-like part formed between the base of the sheathing case 2, and the underside of a light guide 47, It is led to opening for inhalation of air (not shown) prepared corresponding to the location where the integrator illumination-light study system 41 of a light guide 47 has been arranged. UV filter 418 besides the unit which consists of the 1st lens array 414 which constitutes the integrator illumination-light study system 41, and which was mentioned above, and the polarization sensing element 415 and the 2nd lens array 416 is cooled toward the upper part from a lower part. Cooling air is exhausted from the openings 48A and 48B (drawing 3) for exhaust air of covering 48, and is eventually exhausted from exhaust-port 2E next with the axial flow ventilating fan 54 by the side of a tooth back.

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the other hand, the metal frame 82 is attached in three side faces used as the optical plane of incidence of the cross dichroic prism 45, and connection immobilization of the maintenance frame 81 and the frame 82 is carried out through four lock-pins 83 made of transparency resin.

[0043] The maintenance frame 81 is formed in the shape of a rectangle frame, and holds the periphery of liquid crystal panels 441R, 441G, and 441B. Moreover, as shown also in drawing 11, insertion hole 81A which a lock-pin 83 is inserted and is fixed is prepared in the four corners of the maintenance frame 81, respectively.

[0044] As shown in drawing 10 and drawing 11, a frame 82 is made into the shape of a rectangle frame by which cope box section 82A, drag flask section 82B, and two side frame section 82C were formed in one, and is formed by punching processing of a sheet metal etc. The film mounting section 821 for attaching the viewing-angle compensation film 419 is formed in each side frame section 82C. This film mounting section 821 is projected and formed in the electro-optic device 44 side by carrying out spinning of the middle of side frame section 82C, and has clamp-face 821A to which the field of the viewing-angle compensation film 419 is fixed. Clamp-face 821A is mostly made into the optical plane of incidence of the cross dichroic prism 45 with parallel, and the viewing-angle compensation film 419 is attached ranging over the film mounting section 821 of two side frame section 82C.

[0045] As for such a frame 82, a part of the field of a side and an opposite hand in which the viewing-angle compensation film 419 is attached, i.e., cope box section 82A, drag flask section 82B, and side frame section 82C (parts other than film mounting section 821) are fixed to the periphery of the optical plane of incidence of the cross dichroic prism 45 with adhesives etc. In the condition of having been fixed, opposite arrangement of the viewing-angle compensation film 419 is carried out through an opening to the optical plane of incidence of the cross dichroic prism 45. In here, the periphery configuration of a frame 82 is formed more greatly than the 45th page of a cross dichroic prism. Concretely, as shown in drawing 10, the width-of-face dimension a of cope box section 82A and the width-of-face dimension b of drag flask section 82B are formed more greatly than the width-of-face dimension c of side frame section 82C. Cope box section 82A is in the condition to which the most projected in the upper part from the cross dichroic prism 45, and drag flask section 82B is in the condition in which the most projected caudad from the cross dichroic prism 45, and is attached in the optical plane of incidence of the cross dichroic prism 45. Thus, cope box section 82A and drag flask section 82B are installed in the condition of having projected from the optical plane of incidence of the cross dichroic prism 45, and since adhesion side 833A which a lock-pin 83 mentions later is pasted up on this projection part, regardless of the magnitude of the cross dichroic prism 45, large adhesion / fixed area with a lock-pin 83 can be taken by enlarging the projection part of a frame 82. Moreover, when the viewing-angle compensation film 419 is attached, the permeability between the viewing-angle compensation film 419 and the cross dichroic prism 45 is secured by the opening formed between the viewing-angle compensation film 419 and the cross dichroic prism 45.

[0046] A lock-pin 83 is arranged at the prismatic form outcrop [which it is arranged at the end side of the insertion section 831 of the shape of a cylindrical shape inserted in insertion hole 81A of the maintenance frame 81, and this insertion section 831, and is exposed outside at the time of insertion] 832, and other end side of the insertion section 831, and is constituted by the frame 82 including the jointing 833 by which adhesion immobilization is carried out. Among these, jointing 833 equips a frame 82 with adhesion side 833A by which adhesion immobilization is carried out, and the cross section of this jointing 833, i.e., the area of adhesion side 833A, may be formed more greatly than the cross section of the insertion section 831.

[0047] The optic which consists of such an electro-optic device 44 and a cross dichroic prism 45 is assembled as follows. First, liquid crystal panels 441R, 441G, and 441B are attached in the maintenance frame 81, and a frame 82 is attached in installation and the cross dichroic prism 45. And the viewing-angle compensation film 419 is carried out with adhesives etc., and connection immobilization of installation, the maintenance frame 81, and the frame 82 is carried out with a lock-pin 83 at the film mounting section 821 of a frame 82. Under the present circumstances, a lock-pin 83 is in the condition which applied the adhesives of an ultraviolet curing mold to the insertion section 831 and adhesion side 833A, and while being inserted in insertion hole 81A of the maintenance frame 81, adhesion side 833A is contacted by the four corners (projection part from the 45th page of the cross dichroic prism of cope box section 82A mentioned above and drag flask section 82B) of a frame 82. After adjusting the location of G and 441B, ultraviolet rays are irradiated from the liquid crystal panel 441R [to the cross dichroic prism 45], and 441 outcrop 832 side of a lock-pin 83, and adhesives are stiffened. Thereby, liquid crystal panels 441R, 441G, and 441B are fixed to the optical plane-of-incidence side of the cross dichroic prism 45.

[0048] According to these above operation gestalten, there is the following effectiveness.

(1) Since a frame 82 is attached in the cross dichroic prism 45 and the maintenance frame 81 which holds liquid crystal panels 441R, 441G, and 441B to this frame 82 is attached through the lock-pin 83, in the optic which consists of an electro-optic device 44 and a cross dichroic prism 45, it is not necessary to fix a lock-pin 83 to the direct cross dichroic

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prism 45, and to secure the area for fixing a lock-pin 83 to cross dichroic prism 45 self. For this reason, the cross dichroic prism 45 of necessary minimum magnitude can be used optically, and cross dichroic prism 45 the very thing can be made small. Moreover, while forming more broadly than side frame section 82C cope box section 82A of a frame 82, and drag flask section 82B Since cope box section 82A and drag flask section 82B were installed in the condition of having projected from the optical plane of incidence of the cross dichroic prism 45 and adhesion side 833A which a lock-pin 83 mentions later is pasted up on this projection part It comes to be able to enlarge adhesion / fixed area with a lock-pin 83 by enlarging the projection part of a frame 82 regardless of the magnitude of the cross dichroic prism 45. For this reason, the fixed reinforcement of a lock-pin 83 and a frame 82 is fully obtained, and can certainly fix liquid crystal panels 441R, 441G, and 441B to the cross dichroic prism 45 side.

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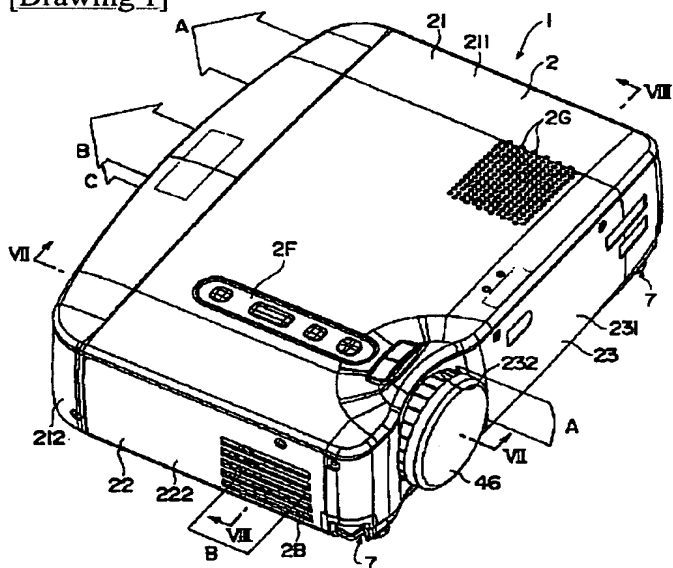
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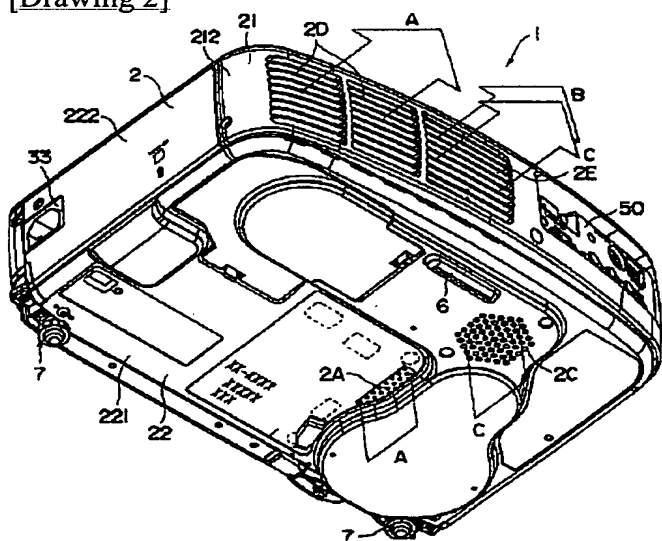
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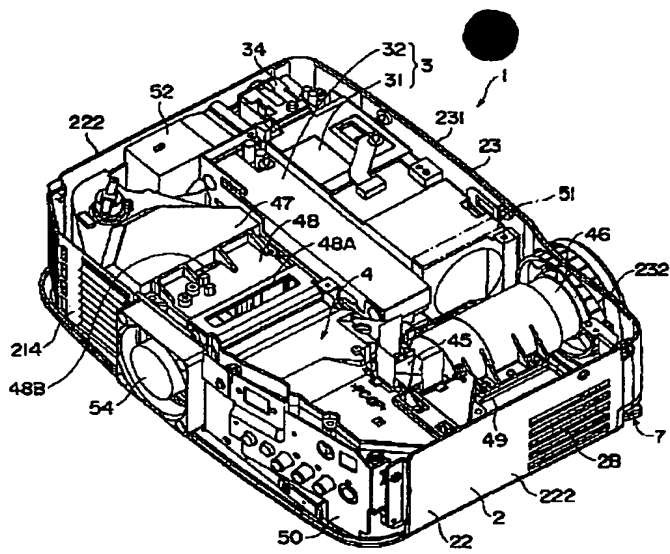
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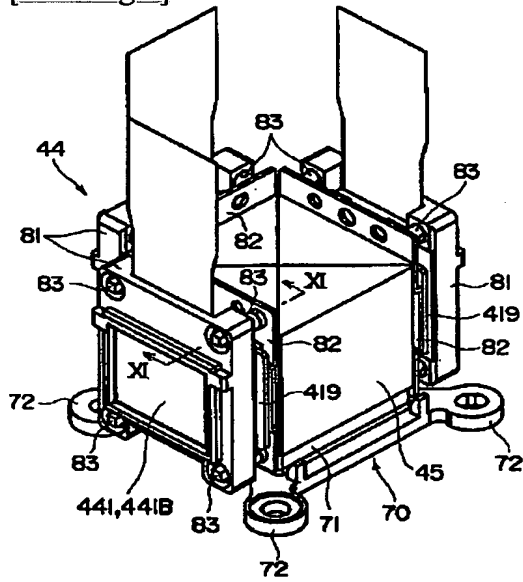
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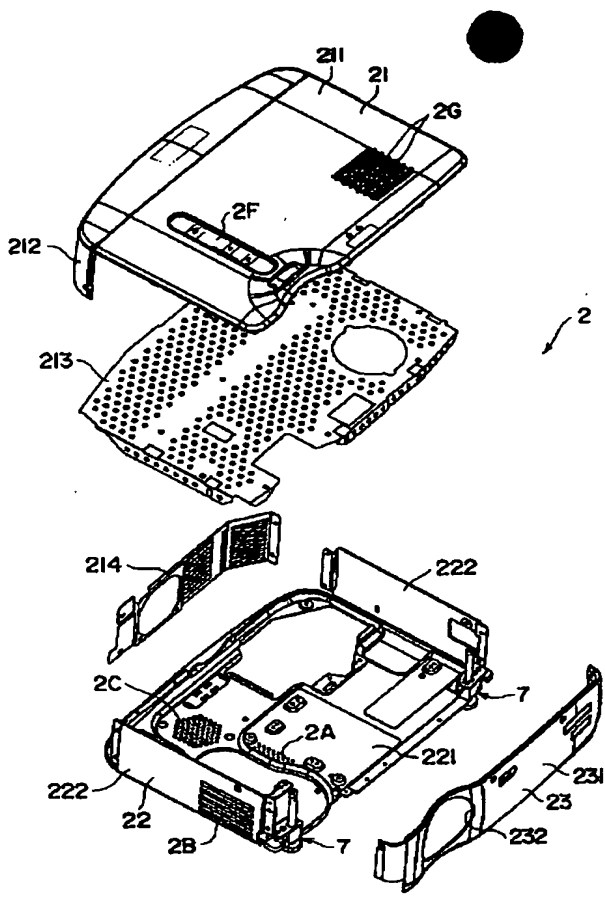
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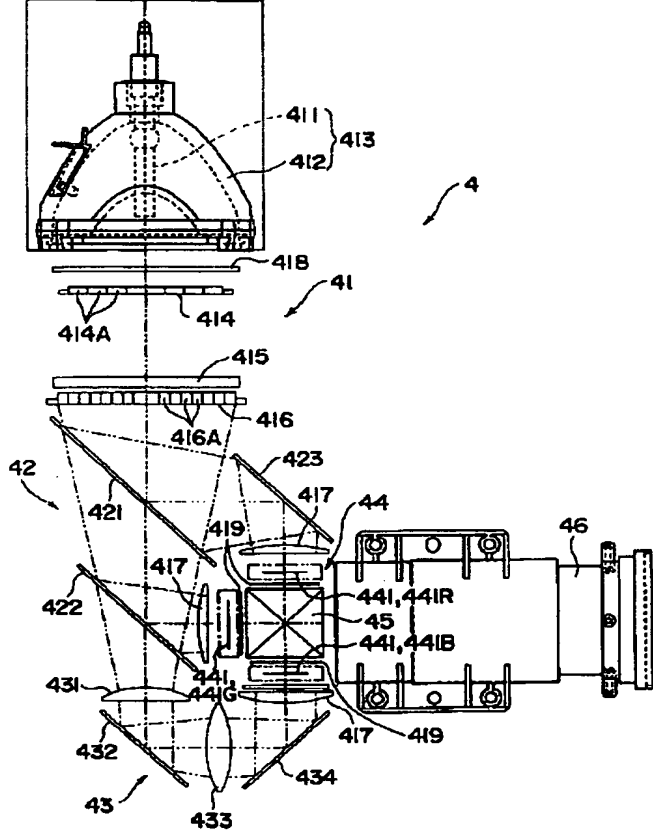
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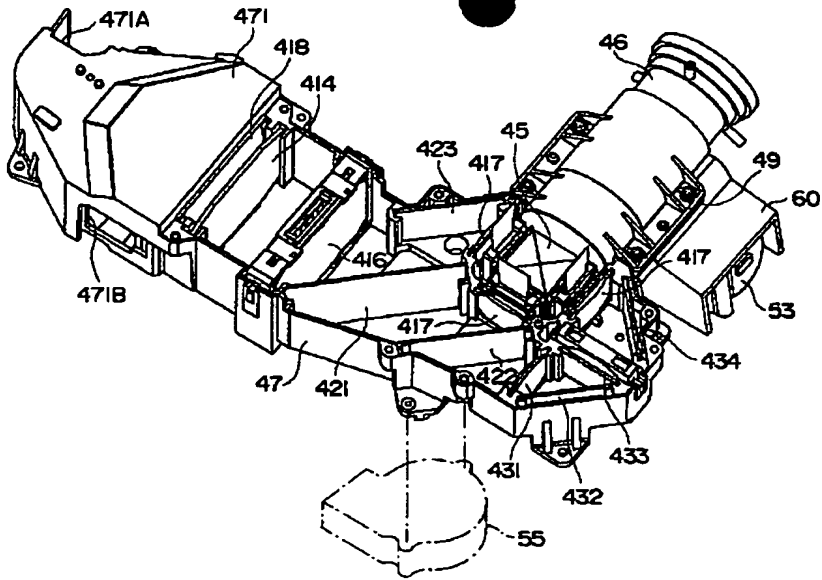
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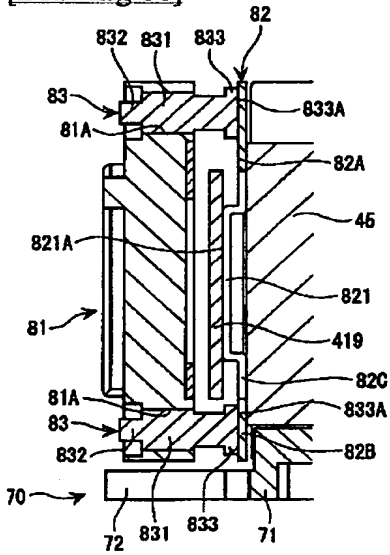
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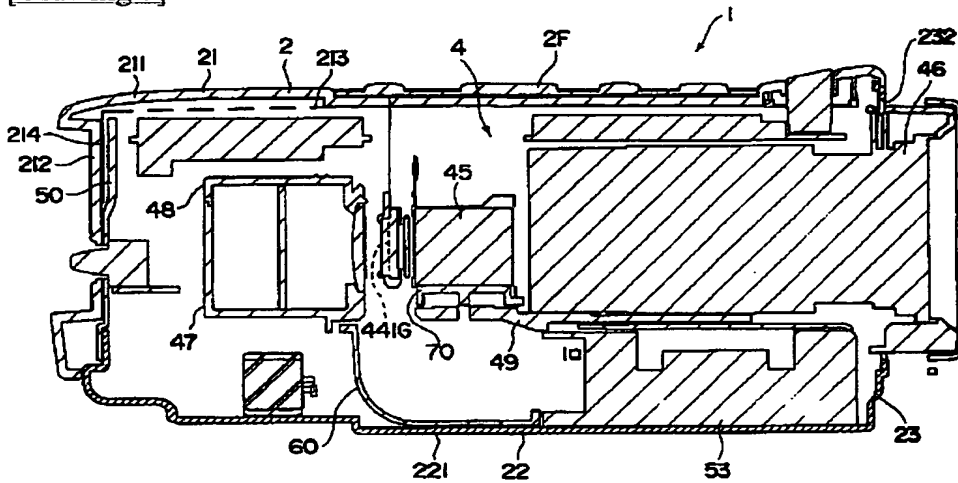
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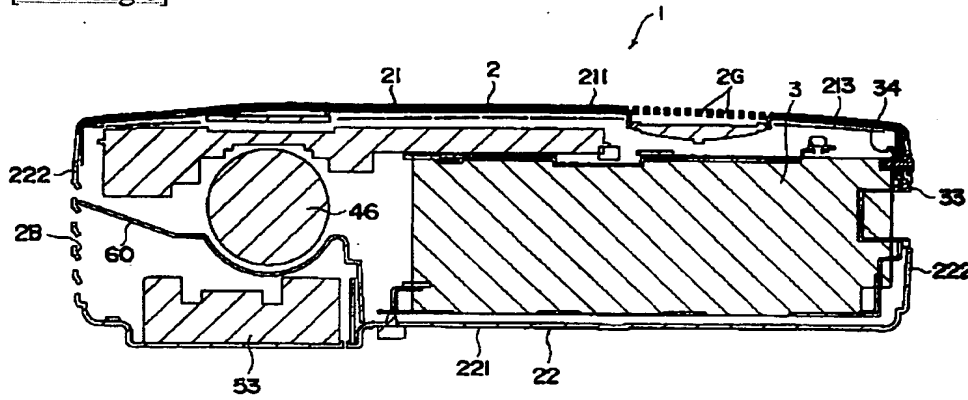
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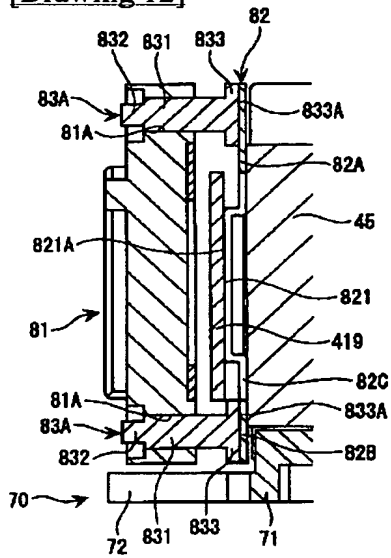
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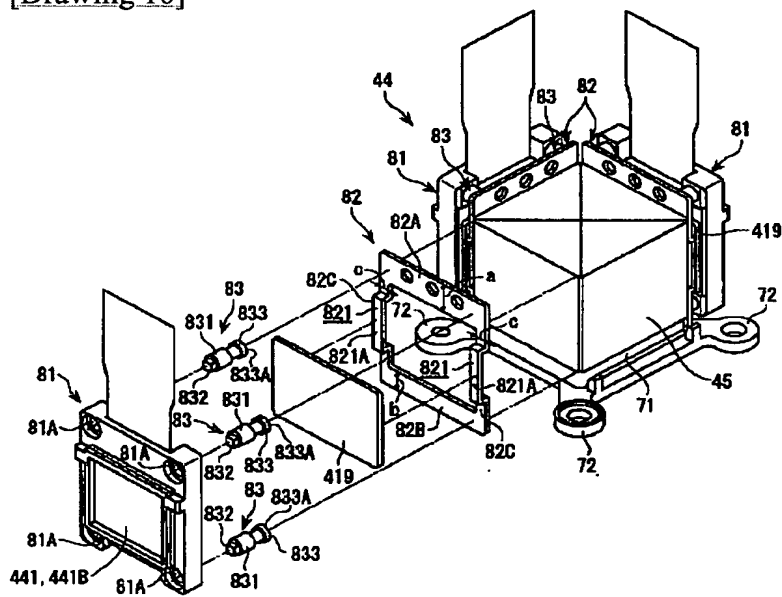
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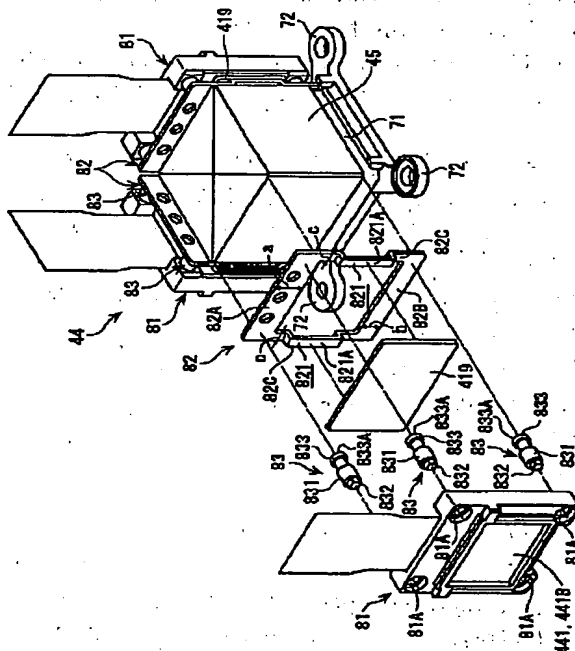
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(54) 【発明の名称】 光学部品およびこれを備えたプロジェクタ

(57) 【要約】

【課題】 光変調装置側とプリズム側とを確実に固定できるとともに、プリズムを光学的に必要最小限の大きさとして提供することができる光学部品およびプロジェクタを提供すること。

【解決手段】 クロスダイクロイックプリズム45に枠体82を取り付け、枠体82に固定ピン83を介して液晶パネル441を保持する保持枠81を取り付けた。固定ピン83を直接クロスダイクロイックプリズム45に固定しなくてすむので、光学的に必要最小限の大きさのクロスダイクロイックプリズム45を使用できる。また、固定ピン83が枠体82に固定され、枠体82の固定ピンとの固定面積を大きくとっているため、固定ピン83と枠体82との固定強度が十分に得られ、液晶パネル441をクロスダイクロイックプリズム45側に確実に固定できる。



【特許請求の範囲】

【請求項 1】 光変調装置と、この光変調装置を保持する保持枠と、プリズムと、前記保持枠を前記プリズムに固定するための固定ピンとを備えた光学部品であって、前記プリズムの面に取り付けられる枠体を備え、かつ、前記固定ピンの一端側が前記保持枠に固定され、他端側が前記枠体に固定されていることを特徴とする光学部品。

【請求項 2】 請求項 1 に記載の光学部品において、前記枠体の外周形状は、当該枠体に取り付けられる前記プリズムの面よりも大きく形成されていることを特徴とする光学部品。

【請求項 3】 請求項 1 または請求項 2 に記載の光学部品において、前記保持枠は、合成樹脂で形成され、前記プリズムは、光学ガラスで形成され、前記枠体は、金属で形成されていることを特徴とする光学部品。

【請求項 4】 請求項 1 ないし請求項 3 のいずれかに記載の光学部品において、前記枠体には、光学フィルムを取り付けるためのフィルム取付部が設けられていることを特徴とする光学部品。

【請求項 5】 請求項 4 に記載の光学部品において、前記光学フィルムが取り付けられる前記フィルム取付部の取付面と、前記枠体に取り付けられる前記プリズムの面との間には、空隙が形成されていることを特徴とする光学部品。

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【請求項 7】 複数の色光を画像情報に応じて変調する光変調装置と、この光変調装置で変調された光を合成するプリズムとを備え、当該プリズムで合成された光を拡大投写して投写画像を形成するプロジェクトであって、請求項 1 ないし請求項 6 のいずれかに記載の光学部品を備えていることを特徴とするプロジェクト。

【請求項 8】 請求項 7 に記載のプロジェクトにおいて、前記光変調装置に通電する電源を備えていることを特徴とするプロジェクト。

【発明の詳細な説明】

【0001】

【発明の属する技術分野】 本発明は、光学部品およびこれを備えたプロジェクトに係り、詳しくは、電気光学装置と、この電気光学装置を保持する保持枠と、プリズムと、保持枠およびプリズムを固定するための固定ピンとを備えた光学部品およびプロジェクトに関する。

【0002】

【従来の技術】 近年、プロジェクトを使用する環境が拡がりつつあり、社内会議や出張先でのプレゼンテーションなどで用いられる他、CAD/CAM/CAE のデータを取り込んで拡大投写することで、研究開発部門等での技術検討会に用いられったり、各種セミナーや研修会、さらには視聴覚教育を行う学校の授業でも用いられている。また、CT スキャンやMRI などの医療画像やデータを投写し、治療法の検討、医療指導などに役立てたり、展示会や大勢が集まるイベントなどを効果的に演出するのにも用いられる。

【0003】 このように、あるゆる環境でプロジェクトが用いられる現在では、プロジェクトに求められる仕様・機能も様々であり、携帯性を追求した軽量コンパクトモデル、画像品質を追求した高輝度モデルおよび高解像度モデル、各デジタル機器やモバイルツールとの接続を可能にした高機能モデルなどがある。そして、使用される環境のさらなる拡大が予想されることから、新たな使用環境を想定したより高付加価値のプロジェクトの開発が盛んに行われている。

【0004】 ところで、上述したようなプロジェクトとしては、従来より、複数の色光を画像情報に応じて変調する電気光学装置と、当該電気光学装置で変調された光を合成するクロスダイクロイックプリズムと、このクロスダイクロイックプリズムで合成された光を拡大投写する投写レンズとを備えたプロジェクトが知られている。

【0005】 このようなプロジェクトでは、小型化に対応するとともに、構造の簡素化を図るために、電気光学装置を構成する 3 つの光変調装置（たとえば、液晶パネル）を固定部材を介してクロスダイクロイックプリズムの側面に固定する構造が採用されている。このような構造としては、特願平 11-25345 号（本出願人が出願したもの）で提案されるものがあり、これは、光変調装置を保持する保持枠の四隅に孔をそれぞれ設け、この孔に固定ピンを挿通して固定し、ピンの先端をクロスダイクロイックプリズムの側面に直に接着固定することで、光変調装置をクロスダイクロイックプリズムに固定している。

【0006】

【発明が解決しようとする課題】 しかしながら、上述したような構造では、ピンの先端を直接クロスダイクロイックプリズムの側面に直に接着固定しているので、クロスダイクロイックプリズムの側面には固定ピンとの接着面積が必要となり、この接着面積の分だけクロスダイクロイックプリズムを大きく作らなければならないという問題がある。このため、構造自体は簡素化できても、クロスダイクロイックプリズム自体を小さくすることはできない。つまり、クロスダイクロイックプリズムを光学的に必要な最小限の大きさとすることができない。少しでもクロスダイクロイックプリズムを小さくするために、

クロスダイクロイックプリズムと固定ピンとの接着面積を最小限の大きさにすることが考えられるが、接着面積を最小限にすると、クロスダイクロイックプリズムと固定ピンとの接着強度に不安が生じてしまい、ひいては、クロスダイクロイックプリズムと光変調装置との固定強度に不安が生じてしまう。

【0007】本発明の目的は、光変調装置側とプリズム側とを確実に固定できるとともに、プリズムを光学的に必要な最小限の大きさとしてすることができる光学部品および 프로젝タを提供することにある。

【0008】

【課題を解決するための手段】本発明の光学部品は、上記目的を達成するために、以下の構成を備える。請求項1に記載の発明は、光変調装置と、この光変調装置を保持する保持枠と、プリズムと、前記保持枠を前記プリズムに固定するための固定ピンとを備えた光学部品であって、前記プリズムの面に取り付けられる枠体を備え、かつ、前記固定ピン的一端側が前記保持枠に固定され、他端側が前記枠体に固定されていることを特徴とするものである。

【0009】この発明によれば、プリズムには枠体を取り付けられ、この枠体に、光変調装置を保持する保持枠が固定ピンを介して取り付けられているので、固定ピンを直接プリズムに固定しなくてすみ、固定ピンを固定するための面積をプリズム自体に確保する必要がない。これにより、プリズムは、光学的に必要な最小限の大きさを有していればよく、プリズム自体が小さくなる。また、固定ピンは枠体に固定されるので、枠体の大きさや幅等を大きくとれば、固定ピンを固定するための面積をプリズムの大きさに関係なく大きくとることができるようになる。このため、固定ピンと枠体との固定強度が十分に得られ、光変調装置がプリズム側に確実に固定される。

【0010】請求項2に記載の発明は、請求項1に記載の光学部品において、前記枠体の外周形状は、当該枠体に取り付けられる前記プリズムの面よりも大きく形成されていることを特徴とするものである。この発明によれば、枠体の外周形状がプリズムの面よりも大きく形成されているので、プリズムの面が枠体にほとんど覆われずに、かつ、プリズムの大きさに関係なく固定ピンを固定するための面積を大きくとれる。これにより、固定ピン、つまり光変調装置がプリズム側に確実に固定される。

【0011】請求項3に記載の発明は、請求項1または請求項2に記載の光学部品において、前記保持枠は、合成樹脂で形成され、前記プリズムは、光学ガラスで形成され、前記枠体は、金属で形成されていることを特徴とするものである。この発明によれば、たとえば 프로젝タ等の光学機器に一般的に用いられる合成樹脂製の保持枠および光学ガラス製のプリズムを使用しているので、経済的に構成できるようになる。また、枠体は金属

製なので、板金等を用いれば、枠体を所望の形状に形成しやすい。さらに、光学部品を、たとえば 프로젝タに用いた場合、光源等から発生する熱で保持枠やプリズム等が膨張することがある。通常、保持枠は、プラスチック製であることが多く、光学ガラス製のプリズムよりも熱膨張率が高い。このため、従来の光学部品では、 프로젝タの使用時に、保持枠がプリズムよりも大きく熱膨張してしまい、保持枠とプリズムとの相対位置、すなわち光変調装置とプリズムとの相対位置にずれが生じてしまうおそれがある。本発明では、熱膨張率が合成樹脂とガラスとの間である金属製の枠体を介して、合成樹脂製の保持枠と、光学ガラス製のプリズムとを連結しているから、たとえば 프로젝タ使用時に熱が生じても、枠体でプリズムと保持枠との熱膨張の差にワンクッション入れられる。これにより、保持枠とプリズムとの熱膨張差による相対位置のずれが抑制される。

【0012】請求項4に記載の発明は、請求項1ないし請求項3のいずれかに記載の光学部品において、前記枠体には、光学フィルムを取り付けるためのフィルム取付部が設けられていることを特徴とするものである。この発明によれば、枠体にはフィルム取付部が設けられているので、光学フィルムの枠体への取り付けが容易になる。ここで、光学フィルムとしては、たとえば、位相差板、偏光板、および広視野角フィルム等が挙げられる。

【0013】請求項5に記載の発明は、請求項4に記載の光学部品において、前記光学フィルムが取り付けられる前記フィルム取付部の取付面と、前記枠体に取り付けられる前記プリズムの面との間には、空隙が形成されていることを特徴とするものである。この発明によれば、枠体のフィルム取付部の取付面と、プリズムの面との間には、空隙が形成されているから、光学フィルムをプリズムから所定間隔をあけて設置でき、光学フィルムとプリズムとの間の通気性を良好に保てる。

【0014】請求項6に記載の発明は、光変調装置と、この光変調装置を保持する保持枠と、プリズムと、前記保持枠を前記プリズムに固定するための固定ピンを備えた光学部品であって、前記固定ピンは、一端側が前記保持枠に固定され、他端側が前記プリズム側に接着固定され、前記固定ピンの他端側の断面積は、前記一端側の断面積よりも大きく形成されていることを特徴とするものである。

【0015】この発明によれば、プリズム側に接着固定される固定ピンの他端側の断面積が大きく形成されている。すなわち、接着面となる固定ピンの他端側の端面が大きく形成されているので、固定ピンとプリズム側との接着強度がより十分に確保される。ここで、固定ピンの他端側は、プリズムに直接接着固定されてもよく、上述したような請求項1ないし請求項5のいずれかに記載の発明に係る枠体に接着固定されてもよく、要するに、プリズム側と接着固定されればよい。

【0016】一方、本発明のプロジェクタは、上記目的を達成するために、以下の構成を備える。請求項7に記載の発明は、複数の色光を画像情報に応じて変調する光変調装置と、この光変調装置で変調された光を合成するプリズムとを備え、当該プリズムで合成された光を拡大投写して投写画像を形成するプロジェクタであって、請求項1ないし請求項6のいずれかに記載の光学部品を備えていることを特徴とするものである。この発明によれば、請求項1ないし請求項6のいずれかに記載の光学部品を用いてプロジェクタを構成することで、プリズムと固定ピンとの接着強度を十分に得ることができるとともに、プリズムを小型化できるプロジェクタが得られ、ひいては、プロジェクタの小型化が可能となる。

【0017】請求項8に記載の発明は、請求項7に記載のプロジェクタにおいて、前記光変調装置に通電する電源を備えていることを特徴とするものである。この発明によれば、プロジェクタには光変調装置に通電する電源が設けられているため、光変調装置に容易に電気を供給できるようになる。

【0018】

【発明の実施の形態】以下、本発明の一実施形態を図面に基づいて説明する。

〔1. プロジェクタの主な構成〕図1は、本実施形態に係るプロジェクタ1を上方から見た全体斜視図、図2は、プロジェクタ1を下方から見た全体斜視図、図3は、プロジェクタ1の内部を示す斜視図である。図1ないし図3において、プロジェクタ1は、略四角箱状の外装ケース2と、外装ケース2内に収容された電源ユニット3と、同じく外装ケース2内に配置された平面L字形の光学ユニット4とを備えている。

【0019】外装ケース2は、図4に示すように、互いにネジ止めされる合成樹脂製のアッパーケース21と、アルミニウム等の金属製のローケース22と、同じくアルミニウム等の金属製のフロントケース23とで構成されている。

【0020】アッパーケース21は、上面部211および背面部212が一体成形された形状である。上面部211の内部側には、アルミニウム板のパンチング加工による多孔状の第1電磁遮蔽部材213が取り外し可能に設けられている。アッパーケース21の背面部212の内部側にも、アルミニウム板からなる第2電磁遮蔽部材214が設けられている。第2電磁遮蔽部材214は、ローケース22側にネジ止めされている。

【0021】ローケース22は、底面部221および対向し合う一対の側面部222が一体に形成された形状であり、プレスやマシニングセンタ等で加工された所定形状のアルミニウム板等を曲げ加工することで、底面部221および側面部222が互いに折曲して形成されている。

【0022】底面部221の前方の両隅部分には、プロ

ジェクタ1全体の傾きを調整して投写画像の位置合わせを行う高さ位置調整機構7が設けられている。これに対して底面部221の後方側中央部には、樹脂製のフット部材6（図2）が嵌合しているのみである。

【0023】フロントケース23は、外装ケース2の前面部231を形成する部材であり、やはりプレスやマシニングセンタ等で加工された所定形状のアルミニウム板等の曲げ加工あるいは絞り加工によって形成されている。このフロントケース23には投写レンズ46に対応して丸孔開口232が設けられ、丸孔開口232の周辺は絞り加工によって内部側に湾曲している。

【0024】このような外装ケース2には、内部に冷却空気を取り入れるための吸気口2A、2B、2C、および内部から冷却空気を排出するための排気口2D、2Eその他、操作パネル2Fや、スピーカの位置に対応した多数の孔2G等が設けられている。また、外装ケース2の背面側には、インターフェース用の種々のコネクタが露出しており、各コネクタがマウントされるドライバーボードや他のボードは、背面側の開口部分を塞ぐように固定されたアルミ板50に支持されるようになっている。このアルミ板50は、電磁遮蔽板としても機能する。

【0025】電源ユニット3は、外装ケース2（図3）内の前面側に配置された電源としての主電源31と、主電源31の後方に配置されたバラスト32とで構成されている。主電源31は、電源ケーブルを通して供給された電力をバラスト32や図示しないドライバーボード等に供給するものであり、前記電源ケーブルが差し込まれるインレットコネクタ33（図2）、周囲を囲むアルミニウム製のフレーム34（図3）、図示しない電源回路等を備えている。また、主電源31は、図示しないドライバーボードを介して後述する液晶パネル441に通電している。バラスト32は、電力を主に光学ユニット4の光源ランプ411（図5）に供給するものであり、ランプ駆動回路を備えている。

【0026】光学ユニット4は、図5に示すように、光源ランプ411から出射された光束を、光学的に処理して画像情報に対応した光学像を形成するユニットであり、インテグレート照明光学系41、色分離光学系42、リレー光学系43、電気光学装置44、色合成光学系としての光学ガラス製のクロスダイクロイックプリズム45、および投写光学系としての投写レンズ46を備えている。

【0027】〔2. 光学系の詳細な構成〕図5において、インテグレート照明光学系41は、電気光学装置44を構成する3枚の光変調装置としての液晶パネル441（色光毎に液晶パネル441R、441G、441Bと示す）の画像形成領域をほぼ均一に照明するための光学系であり、光源装置413と、UVフィルタ418と、第1レンズアレイ414と、偏光変換素子415と、第2レンズアレイ416とを備えている。

【0028】インテグレート照明光学系41を構成する光源装置413は、放射状の光線を射出する放射光源としての光源ランプ411と、この光源ランプ411から射出された放射光を反射するリフレクタ412とを有する。光源ランプ411としては、ハロゲンランプやメタルハライドランプ、または高圧水銀ランプが用いられることが多い。

【0029】第1レンズアレイ414は、ほぼ矩形状の輪郭を有する小レンズ414Aがマトリクス状に配列された構成を有している。各小レンズ414Aは、光源ランプ411から射出されてUVフィルタ418を通る光束を、複数の部分光束に分割している。各小レンズ414Aの輪郭形状は、液晶パネル441の画像形成領域の形状とほぼ相似形をなすように設定されている。たとえば、液晶パネル441の画像形成領域のアスペクト比（横と縦の寸法の比率）が4:3であるならば、各小レンズ414Aのアスペクト比も4:3に設定する。第2レンズアレイ416は、第1レンズアレイ414とほぼ同様な構成を有しており、小レンズ416Aがマトリクス状に配列された構成を有している。この第2レンズアレイ416は、第1レンズアレイ414からの光を集光している。

【0030】偏光変換素子415は、第1レンズアレイ414と第2レンズアレイ416との間に配置されるとともに、第1レンズアレイ414からの光を1種類の偏光光に変換するものであり、これにより、電気光学装置44での光の利用効率が高められている。具体的に、偏光変換素子415によって1種類の偏光光に変換された各部分光束は、集光レンズ417に集光し、最終的に電気光学装置44の液晶パネル441R、441G、441B上にほぼ重畳される。偏光光を変調するタイプの液晶パネル441を用いた本実施形態のプロジェクト1（電気光学装置44）では、光を構成する2種類の偏光光（S波とP波）のうちの1種類の偏光光しか利用できないため、光源ランプ411からの光のほぼ半分が利用されない。そこで、偏光変換素子415を用いることにより、光源ランプ411からの射出光を全て1種類の偏光光に変換し、電気光学装置44での光の利用効率を高めている。なお、このような偏光変換素子415は、たとえば特開平8-304739号公報に紹介されている。

【0031】色分離光学系42は、2枚のダイクロイックミラー421、422と、反射ミラー423とを備え、ダイクロイックミラー421、422によりインテグレート照明光学系41から射出された複数の部分光束を赤、緑、青の3色の色光に分離する機能を有している。

【0032】リレー光学系43は、入射側レンズ431、リレーレンズ433、および反射ミラー432、434を備え、色分離光学系42で分離された色光、青色

光を液晶パネル441Bまで導く機能を有している。

【0033】電気光学装置44は、3枚の液晶パネル441R、441G、441Bを備え、これらは、例えば、ポリシリコンTFTをスイッチング素子として用いたものであり、各液晶パネル441R、441G、441Bの光射出面側には、光学フィルムとしての視角補償フィルム419が配置されている。色分離光学系42で分離された各色光は、これら3枚の液晶パネル441R、441G、441Bによって、画像情報に応じて変調されて光学像を形成する。

【0034】クロスダイクロイックプリズム45は、3枚の液晶パネル441R、441G、441Bから射出された各色光ごとに変調された画像を合成してカラー画像を形成するものである。ここで、クロスダイクロイックプリズム45は、光学的に必要最小限の大きさとされている。クロスダイクロイックプリズム45には、赤色光を反射する誘電体多層膜と青色光を反射する誘電体多層膜とが、4つの直角プリズムの界面に沿って略X字状に形成され、これらの誘電体多層膜によって3つの色光が合成される。そして、クロスダイクロイックプリズム45で合成されたカラー画像は、投写レンズ46から射出され、スクリーン上に拡大投写される。なお、本発明の光学部品は、電気光学装置44とクロスダイクロイックプリズム45とを含んで構成されている。

【0035】以上説明した各光学系41~45は、図6に示すように、合成樹脂製のライトガイド47に収容されている。すなわち、このライトガイド47には、光源装置413を覆う光源保護部471の他、前述の各光学部品414~418、421~423、431~434を上方からスライド式に嵌め込む溝部がそれぞれ設けられている。ここで、偏光変換素子415および第2レンズアレイ416は、一体にユニット化されて溝部に嵌め込まれている。そして、ライトガイド47には、図3に示すカバー48が取り付けられている。なお、本発明の光学部品である電気光学装置44およびクロスダイクロイックプリズム45のライトガイド47への取り付けは後述する。

【0036】また、ライトガイド47の光射出側49の一端側に液晶パネル441R、441G、441Bが一体に取り付けられたクロスダイクロイックプリズム45が固定され、他端側の半円筒状部分に沿ったフランジ上に投写レンズ46が固定されるようになっている。

【0037】〔3. 冷却構造〕図1ないし図3において、プロジェクト1内には、投写レンズ46脇および外装ケース2底面の吸気口2Aから吸引された冷却空気が排気口2Dから排気される第1冷却系統A、外装ケース2の側面に設けられた吸気口2Bから吸引された冷却空気が排気口2Eから排気される第2冷却系統B、外装ケース2の底面に設けられた吸気口2Cから吸引された冷却空気が排気口2Eから排気される第3冷却系統Cが形

成されている。

【0038】第1冷却システムAでは、主電源31の投写レンズ46側に軸流吸気ファン51（図3中に一点鎖線で図示）が設けられ、バラスト32の光源装置413側に第1シロッコファン52が設けられている。軸流吸気ファン51によって投写レンズ46脇および吸気口2Aから吸引された冷却空気は、主電源31およびバラスト32を冷却しながらシロッコファン52側に流れ、吸引される。第1シロッコファン52から吐き出された冷却空気は、ライトガイド47に設けられた吸気用切欠部471Aから光源保護部471内に入り込んで光源装置413を後方から冷却し、排気用切欠部471B（図6）から排気され、最終的に排気口2Dから外装ケース2外に排気される。

【0039】第2冷却システムBでは、図7、図8の断面図に示すように、投写レンズ46の下側に第2シロッコファン53が設けられている。この第2シロッコファン53は、吸気口2Bから電気光学装置44の下方まで冷却空気を導くダクト部材60（図6）の途中に配置されている。吸気口2Bから吸引された吸気は、ダクト部材60に導かれて第2シロッコファン53に吸い込まれ、外装ケース2の底面に沿って吐き出された後、電気光学装置44を冷却する。この後に冷却空気は、光学ユニット4の上部に配置された図示しないドライバーボードを冷却しながら背面側の軸流排気ファン54に向かい、この排気ファン54で排気口2Eから排気される。

【0040】第3冷却システムCでは、図6中に一点鎖線で示すように、ライトガイド47の下面における外装ケース2底面の吸気口2Cに対応した位置に第3シロッコファン55が設けられている。吸気口2Cは、個々の孔を極小径とすることで、プロジェクタ1の設置個所上にある塵や埃を吸い込み難くしている。吸気口2Cから第3シロッコファン55に吸い込まれた冷却空気は、外装ケース2の底面およびライトガイド47の下面間に形成されるダクト状部分を通して光源装置413側に吐き出された後、ライトガイド47のインテグレート照明光学系41が配置された位置に対応して設けられた吸気用開口（図示せず）に導かれ、インテグレート照明光学系41を構成する前述した第1レンズアレイ414、偏光変換素子415と第2レンズアレイ416とからなるユニットのほか、UVフィルタ418を下方から上方に向かって冷却する。この後に冷却空気は、カバー48の排気用開口48Aおよび48B（図3）から排気され、最終的に背面側の軸流排気ファン54で排気口2Eから排気される。

【0041】〔4. 光学部品の構造〕電気光学装置44とクロスダイクロイックプリズム45とからなる光学部品において、図6および図9に示すように、電気光学装置44は、クロスダイクロイックプリズム45に支持され、このクロスダイクロイックプリズム45は、当該ク

ロスダイクロイックプリズム45を支持する支持部材70を介してライトガイド47の光出射側49（図7）に取り付けられている。支持部材70は、クロスダイクロイックプリズム45が載置される載置部71と、この載置部71をライトガイド47の光出射側49に案内および固定するための4つの案内固定部72とを備えている。案内固定部72は、載置部71から側方へ突出して設けられており、この案内固定部72とライトガイド47の光出射側49とが図示しないねじ等で固定されることでクロスダイクロイックプリズム45がライトガイド47の光出射側49に取り付けられている。

【0042】電気光学装置44を構成する3枚の液晶パネル441R、441G、441Bは、図9および図10に示すように、合成樹脂製の保持枠81で保持され、クロスダイクロイックプリズム45の光入射面となる3側面と対向配置されている。一方、クロスダイクロイックプリズム45の光入射面となる3側面には、金属製の枠体82が取り付けられており、保持枠81と枠体82とは、透明樹脂製の4つの固定ピン83を介して連結固定されている。

【0043】保持枠81は、矩形枠状に形成され、液晶パネル441R、441G、441Bの周縁を保持している。また、保持枠81の四隅には、図11にも示すように、固定ピン83が挿入されて固定される挿入孔81Aがそれぞれ設けられている。

【0044】枠体82は、図10および図11に示すように、上枠部82A、下枠部82Bおよび2つの側枠部82Cが一体に形成された矩形枠状とされ、板金の打ち抜き加工等で形成されている。各側枠部82Cには、視角補償フィルム419を取り付けるためのフィルム取付部821が設けられている。このフィルム取付部821は、側枠部82Cの途中を絞り加工することで電気光学装置44側に突出して形成されており、視角補償フィルム419の面が固定される取付面821Aを有している。取付面821Aは、クロスダイクロイックプリズム45の光入射面とほぼ平行とされ、視角補償フィルム419が2つの側枠部82Cのフィルム取付部821に跨って取り付けられている。

【0045】このような枠体82は、視角補償フィルム419が取り付けられる側と反対側の面、すなわち上枠部82A、下枠部82Bおよび側枠部82Cの一部（フィルム取付部821以外の部分）がクロスダイクロイックプリズム45の光入射面の周縁に接着剤等で固定される。固定された状態では、視角補償フィルム419がクロスダイクロイックプリズム45の光入射面に対して空隙を介して対向配置される。ここにおいて、枠体82の外周形状がクロスダイクロイックプリズム45面よりも大きく形成されている。具体的に、図10に示すように、上枠部82Aの幅寸法aおよび下枠部82Bの幅寸法bは側枠部82Cの幅寸法cよりも大きく形成されて

おり、上枠部 82A はその大部分がクロスダイクロックプリズム 45 から上方に突出した状態で、下枠部 82B はその大部分がクロスダイクロックプリズム 45 から下方に突出した状態で、クロスダイクロックプリズム 45 の光入射面に取り付けられている。このように上枠部 82A および下枠部 82B をクロスダイクロックプリズム 45 の光入射面から突出した状態で設置し、この突出部分に固定ピン 83 の後述する接着面 833A を接着しているため、クロスダイクロックプリズム 45 の大きさに関係なく、枠体 82 の突出部分を大きくすることで固定ピン 83 との接着・固定面積が大きくとれるようになる。また、視角補償フィルム 419 を取り付けた際、視角補償フィルム 419 とクロスダイクロックプリズム 45 との間に形成される空隙により、視角補償フィルム 419 およびクロスダイクロックプリズム 45 間の通気性が確保される。

【0046】固定ピン 83 は、保持枠 81 の挿入孔 81A に挿入される円柱形状の挿入部 831 と、この挿入部 831 の一端側に配置されかつ挿入時に外部に露出する角柱状の露出部 832 と、挿入部 831 の他端側に配置されかつ枠体 82 に接着固定される接着部 833 とを含んで構成されている。このうち、接着部 833 は、枠体 82 に接着固定される接着面 833A を備え、この接着部 833 の断面積、つまり接着面 833A の面積は、挿入部 831 の断面積よりも大きく形成されていてもよい。

【0047】このような電気光学装置 44 およびクロスダイクロックプリズム 45 からなる光学部品は、以下のようにして組み立てる。まず、保持枠 81 に液晶パネル 441R、441G、441B を取り付け、クロスダイクロックプリズム 45 に枠体 82 を取り付ける。そして、枠体 82 のフィルム取付部 821 に接着剤等で視角補償フィルム 419 を取り付け、保持枠 81 と枠体 82 とを固定ピン 83 で連結固定する。この際、固定ピン 83 は、挿入部 831 および接着面 833A に紫外線硬化型の接着剤を塗布した状態で、保持枠 81 の挿入孔 81A に挿入されるとともに、接着面 833A が枠体 82 の四隅（前述した上枠部 82A および下枠部 82B のクロスダイクロックプリズム 45 面からの突出部位）に当接される。クロスダイクロックプリズム 45 に対する液晶パネル 441R、441G、441B の位置を調整した後、固定ピン 83 の露出部 832 側から紫外線を照射し、接着剤を硬化させる。これにより、液晶パネル 441R、441G、441B がクロスダイクロックプリズム 45 の光入射面側に固定される。

【0048】上述のような本実施形態によれば、次のような効果がある。

(1) 電気光学装置 44 およびクロスダイクロックプリズム 45 からなる光学部品において、クロスダイクロックプリズム 45 には枠体 82 が取り付けられ、この枠

体 82 に、液晶パネル 441R、441G、441B を保持する保持枠 81 が固定ピン 83 を介して取り付けられているので、固定ピン 83 を直接クロスダイクロックプリズム 45 に固定しなくてすみ、固定ピン 83 を固定するための面積をクロスダイクロックプリズム 45 自身に確保する必要がない。このため、光学的に必要な最小限の大きさのクロスダイクロックプリズム 45 を使用でき、クロスダイクロックプリズム 45 自体を小さくできる。また、枠体 82 の上枠部 82A および下枠部 82B を側枠部 82C よりも幅広に形成するとともに、上枠部 82A および下枠部 82B をクロスダイクロックプリズム 45 の光入射面から突出した状態で設置し、この突出部分に固定ピン 83 の後述する接着面 833A を接着しているため、クロスダイクロックプリズム 45 の大きさに関係なく、枠体 82 の突出部分を大きくすることで固定ピン 83 との接着・固定面積を大きくできるようになる。このため、固定ピン 83 と枠体 82 との固定強度が十分に得られ、液晶パネル 441R、441G、441B をクロスダイクロックプリズム 45 側に確実に固定できる。

【0049】(2) 枠体 82 において、上枠部 82A の幅寸法 a および下枠部 82B の幅寸法 b は、側枠部 82C の幅寸法 c よりも大きく形成されており、上枠部 82A および下枠部 82B の大部分がクロスダイクロックプリズム 45 面からそれぞれ突出した状態とされているので、枠体 82 がクロスダイクロックプリズム 45 の面をほとんど覆うことなく、かつ、クロスダイクロックプリズム 45 が小さくても固定ピン 83 との接着・固定面積を大きくとることができる。これにより、固定ピン 83、つまり電気光学装置 44 をクロスダイクロックプリズム 45 側に確実に固定できる。

【0050】(3) プロジェクタ等の光学機器に一般的に用いられるプラスチック製の保持枠 81 および光学ガラス製のクロスダイクロックプリズム 45 を使用しているので、経済的に構成できる。また、枠体 82 を、板金の打ち抜き加工で形成しているので、枠体 82 を所望の形状に容易に形成できる。さらに、本実施形態では、熱膨張率が合成樹脂とガラスとの間である金属製の枠体 82 を介して、合成樹脂製の保持枠 81 と、光学ガラス製のクロスダイクロックプリズム 45 とを連結しているから、プロジェクタ 1 の使用時に光源等から熱が生じて、枠体 82 でクロスダイクロックプリズム 45 と保持枠 81 との熱膨張の差にワンクッション入れられる。これにより、保持枠 81 とクロスダイクロックプリズム 45 との熱膨張差による相対位置のずれを抑制できる。

【0051】(4) 枠体 82 にはフィルム取付部 821 が設けられているので、視角補償フィルム 419 の枠体 82 への取り付けを容易にできるとともに、視角補償フィルム 419 を液晶パネル 441R、441G、441B

とクロスダイクロイックプリズム 45 との間に容易に配置できる。

【0052】(5) 枠体 82 のフィルム取付部 821 の取付面と、クロスダイクロイックプリズム 45 の面との間には、空隙が形成されているから、視角補償フィルム 419 をクロスダイクロイックプリズム 45 から所定間隔をあけて設置でき、視角補償フィルム 419 とクロスダイクロイックプリズム 45 との間の通気性を良好にできる。

【0053】(6) クロスダイクロイックプリズム 45 側に接着固定される固定ピン 83 の接着面 833A を大きく形成することにより、固定ピン 83 と枠体 82 との接着強度をより大きくできる。

【0054】(7) 電気光学装置とクロスダイクロイックプリズムとからなる光学部品は、上述したような保持枠、枠体および固定ピンによって組み立てられ、本実施形態のプロジェクト 1 は、当該光学部品を用いて構成されているから、クロスダイクロイックプリズム 45 と固定ピン 83 との接着強度を十分に得ることができるとともに、クロスダイクロイックプリズム 45 を小型化できるプロジェクト 1 が得られ、ひいてはプロジェクト 1 を小型化できる。

【0055】(8) プロジェクト 1 には、液晶パネル 441 に通電する主電源 31 が設けられているため、各液晶パネル 441 に容易に電気を供給できる。

【0056】なお、本発明は前記実施形態に限定されるものではなく、本発明の目的を達成できる範囲での変形、改良は、本発明に含まれるものである。たとえば、前記実施形態では、固定ピン 83 の接着面 833A の面積が、挿入部 831 等の断面積とほぼ同じ大きさに形成されているが、本発明に係る固定ピンはこれに限定されるものではなく、図 12 に示すような固定ピン 83A であってもよい。この固定ピン 83A は、その接着面 833A の大きさが挿入部 831 や露出部 832 の断面積よりも大きくなっている。このような固定ピン 83A を用いれば、固定ピン 83A と枠体 82 との接着面積を大きくすることができ、固定ピン 83A と枠体 82 との接着強度を十分に確保できる。

【0057】前記実施形態において、フィルム取付部 821 の取付面 821A と、クロスダイクロイックプリズム 45 の面との間には、所定間隔以上の空隙が形成されているが、このような空隙は必ずしも必要ではなく、通気の必要性に応じて、プリズムと光学フィルムとの間に適宜形成されればよい。

【0058】前記実施形態では、光学フィルムとして視角補償フィルム 419 が設けられていたが、本発明に係る光学フィルムはこれに限定されるものでなく、電気光学装置およびプリズムからなる光学部品の用途に応じて、たとえば位相差板や偏光板等の種々の光学フィルムが設けられてもよい。

【0059】前記実施形態では、枠体 82 にフィルム取付部 821 が設けられていたが、設けられなくともよく、このような場合も本発明に含まれる。たとえば、上述した視角補償フィルム 419 のような光学フィルムが、液晶パネル 441 およびクロスダイクロイックプリズム 45 間に配置されない場合には、枠体 82 にフィルム取付部 821 を設ける必要はない。

【0060】前記実施形態において、保持枠 81 はプラスチックで形成され、クロスダイクロイックプリズム 45 は光学ガラスで形成され、枠体 82 は金属で形成されているが、これら保持枠、プリズムおよび枠体は、他の材料から形成されていてもよく、加工容易性、経済性等の様々な面から考えて適宜選択されてよい。

【0061】前記実施形態では、3つの光変調装置を用いたプロジェクトの例のみを挙げたが、本発明は、1つの光変調装置のみを用いたプロジェクト、2つの光変調装置を用いたプロジェクト、あるいは、4つ以上の光変調装置を用いたプロジェクトにも適用可能である。また、前記実施形態では、光変調装置として液晶パネルを用いていたが、マイクロミラーを用いたデバイスなど、液晶以外の光変調装置を用いても良い。さらに、前記実施形態では、光入射面と光出射面とが異なる透過型の光変調装置を用いていたが、光入射面と光出射面とが同一となる反射型の光変調装置を用いても良い。さらにまた、前記実施形態では、スクリーンを観察する方向から投写を行なうフロントタイプのプロジェクトの例のみを挙げたが、本発明は、スクリーンを観察する方向とは反対側から投写を行なうリアタイプのプロジェクトにも適用可能である。

【0062】

【発明の効果】本発明によれば、プリズムには枠体を取り付けられ、この枠体に、光変調装置を保持する保持枠が固定ピンを介して取り付けられているので、プリズムの面に固定ピンを固定するための面積を確保する必要がなく、プリズムの大きさを光学的に必要最小限の大きさとすることができる。また、固定ピンは、枠体に固定されるので、枠体の大きさや幅等を大きく設定すれば、固定ピンと枠体との固定面積を大きくとれ、光変調装置をプリズムに確実に固定できるという効果がある。

【図面の簡単な説明】

【図 1】本発明の一本実施形態に係るプロジェクトを上方から見た全体斜視図である。

【図 2】プロジェクトを下方から見た全体斜視図である。

【図 3】プロジェクトの内部を示す斜視図である。

【図 4】前記実施形態の外装ケースの分解斜視図である。

【図 5】プロジェクトの各光学系を模式的に示す平面図である。

【図 6】プロジェクトの光学ユニットの構成部材を示す

斜視図である。

【図7】図1の矢印VII-VIIから見た縦断面図である。

【図8】図1の矢印VIII-VIIIから見た縦断面図である。

【図9】前記実施形態の光学部品を示す斜視図である。

【図10】光学部品を示す分解斜視図である。

【図11】図9の矢印XI-XIから見た縦断面図である。

【図12】本発明の変形例を示す図である。

【符号の説明】

1 プロジェクタ

31 電源である主電源

45 プリズムであるクロスダイクロイックプリズム

81 保持枠

82 枠体

83 固定ピン

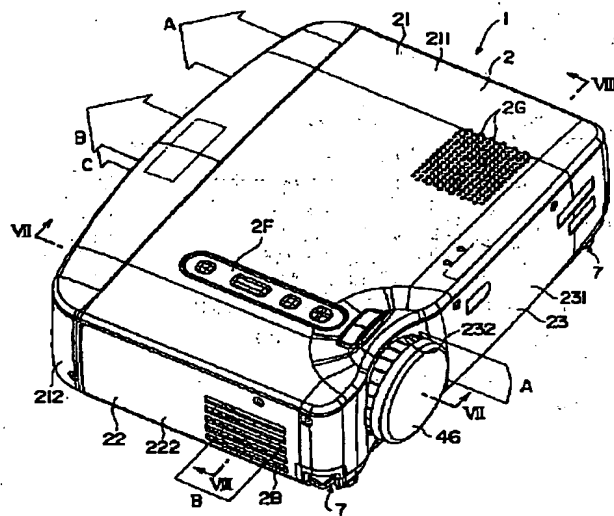
419 光学フィルムである視角補償フィルム

441, 441R, 441G, 441B 光変調装置である液晶パネル

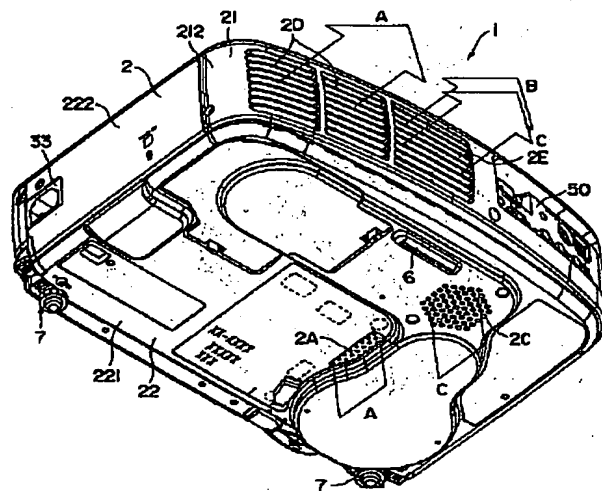
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10 821A 取付面

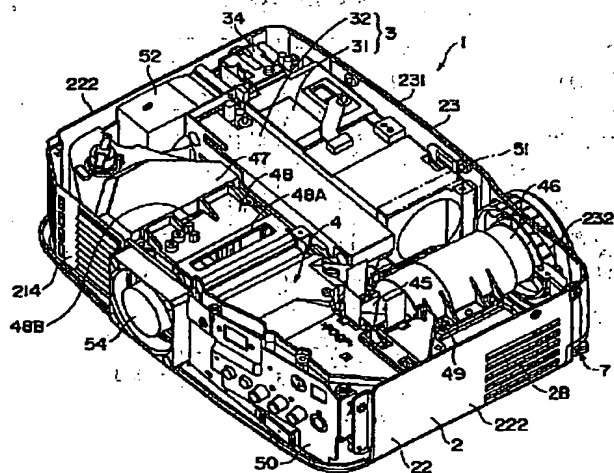
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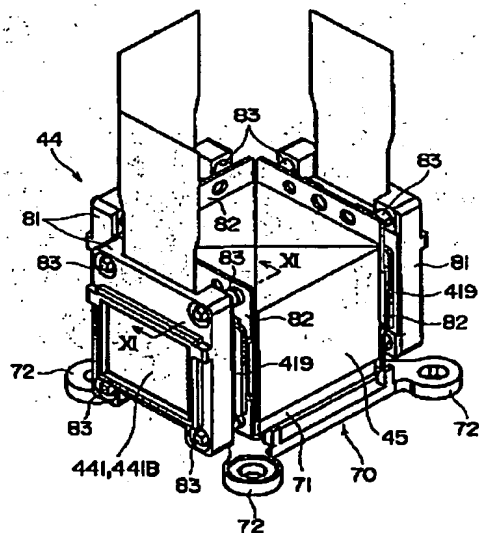
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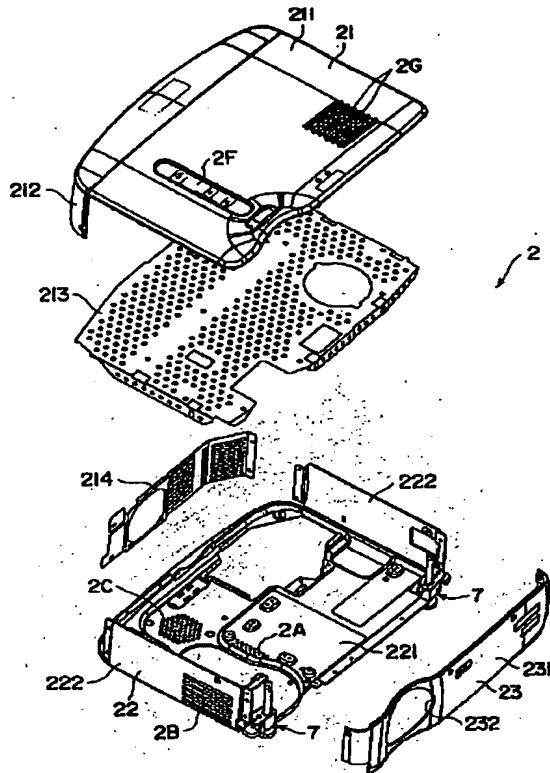
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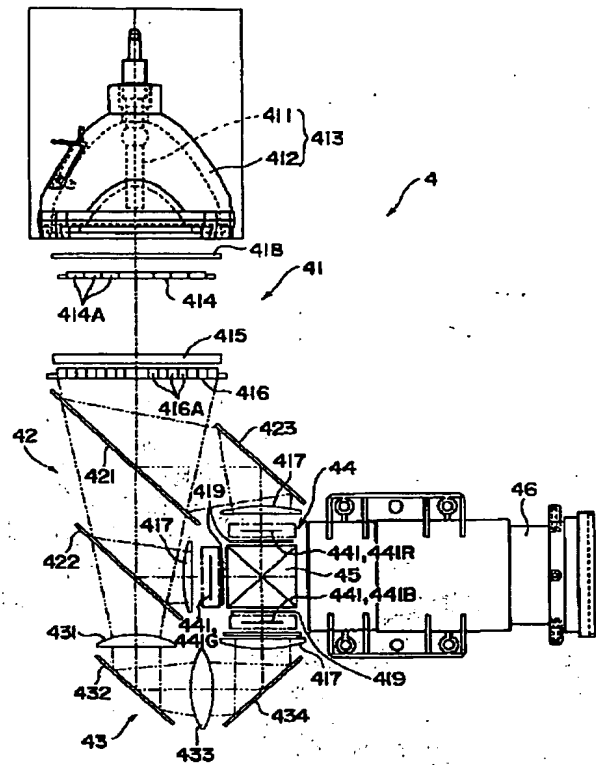
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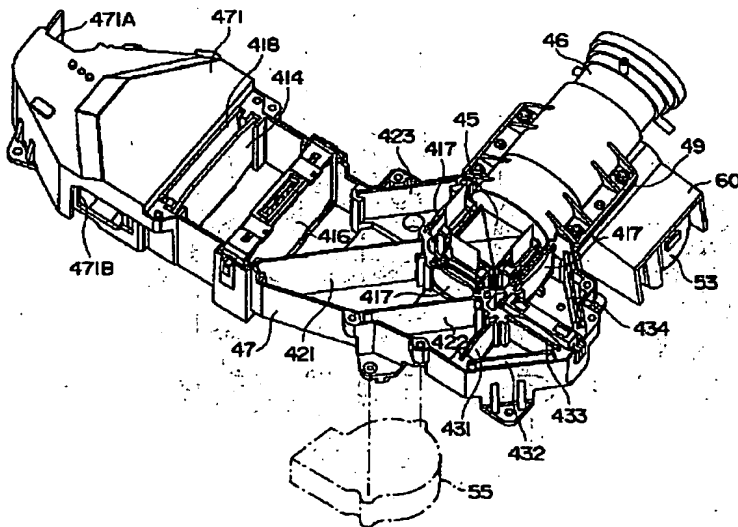
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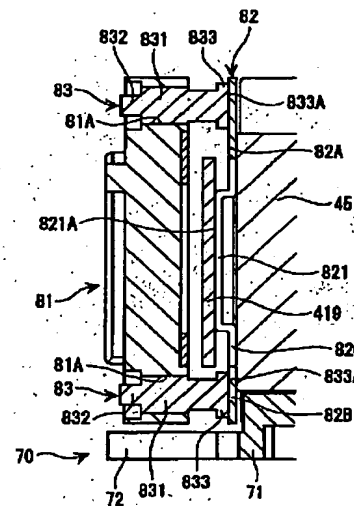
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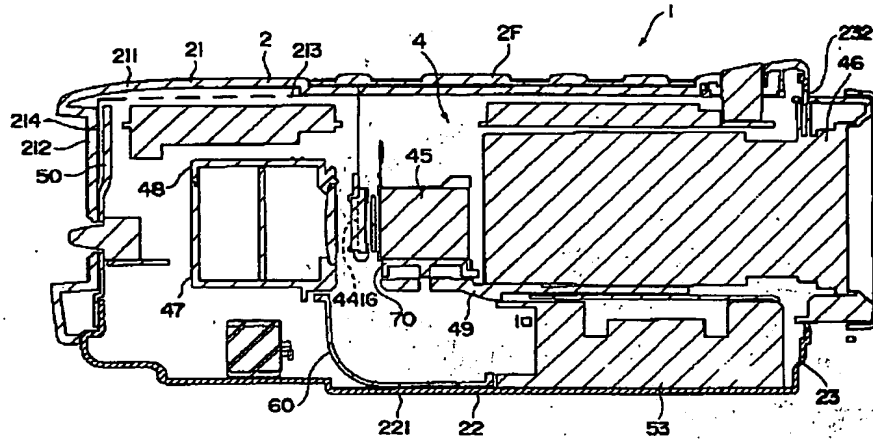
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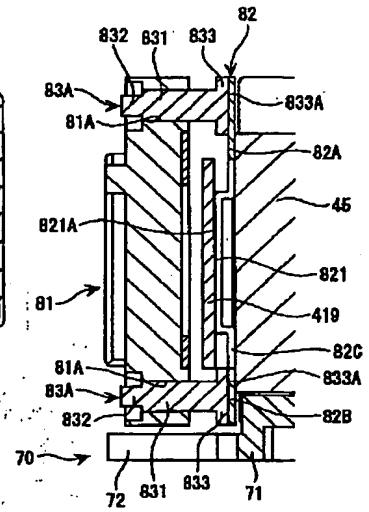
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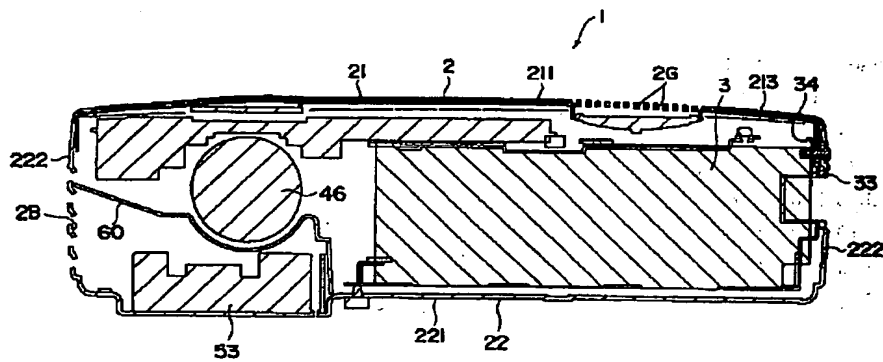
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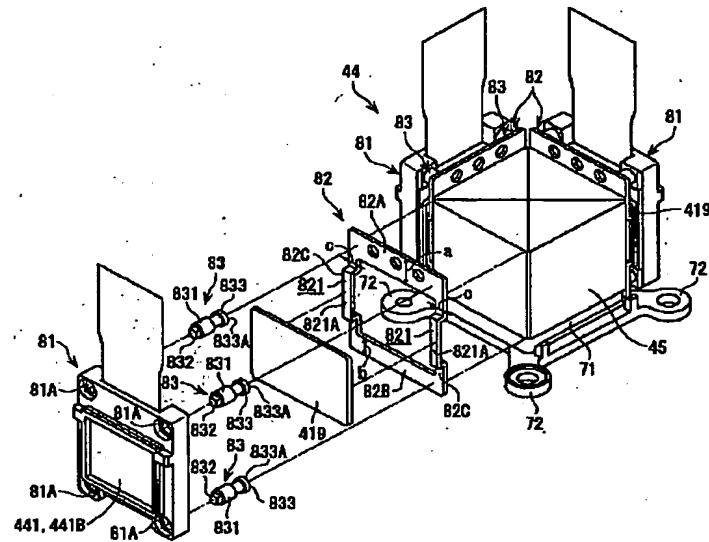
【図12】



【図8】



【図10】



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